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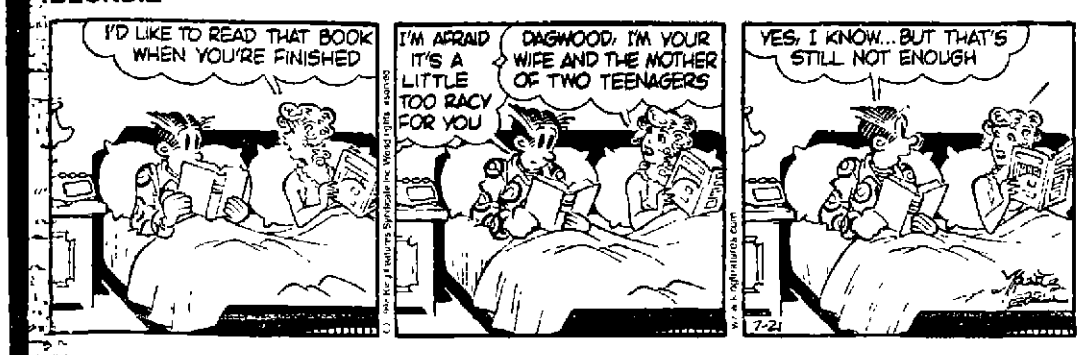

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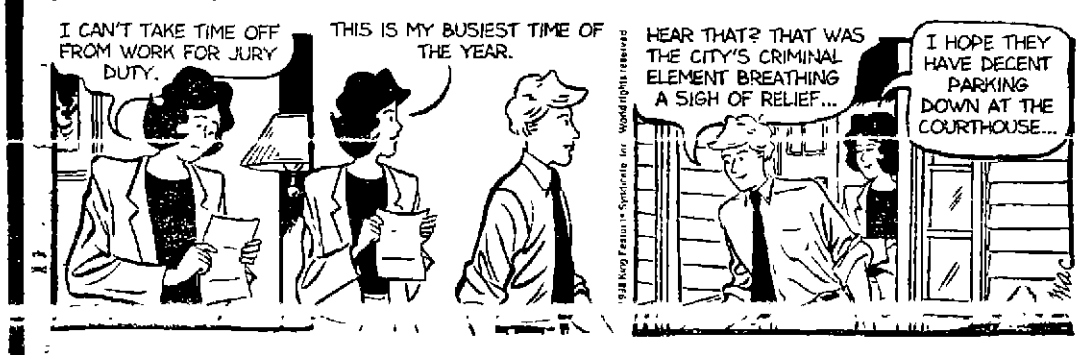

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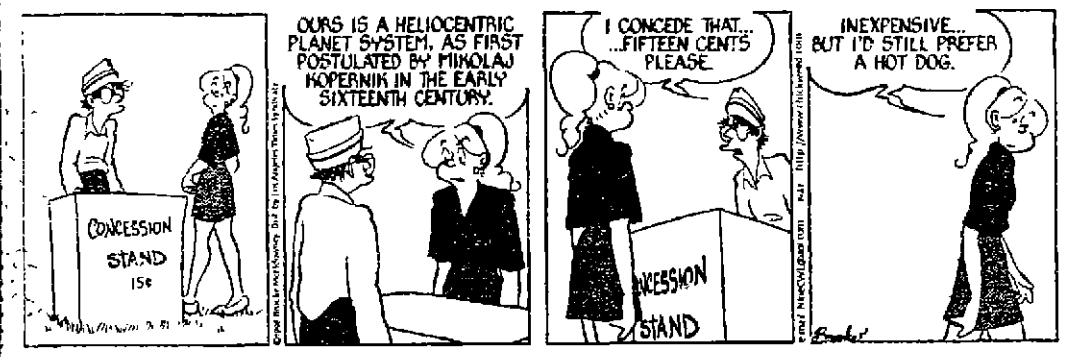

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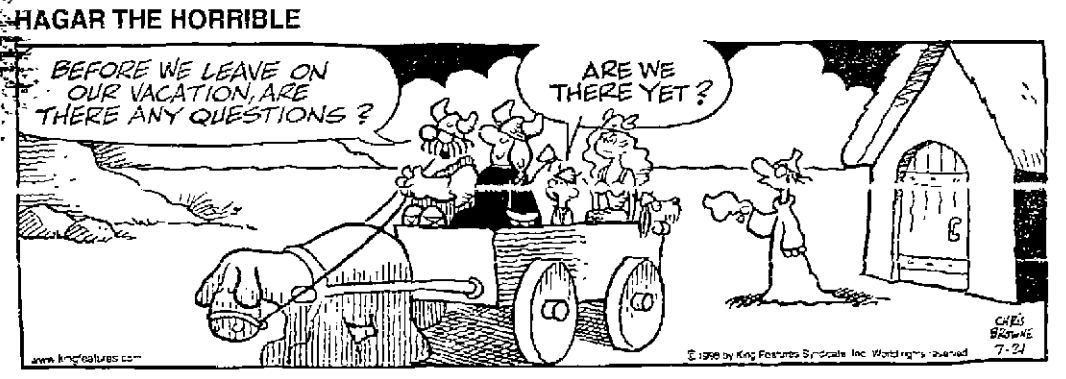

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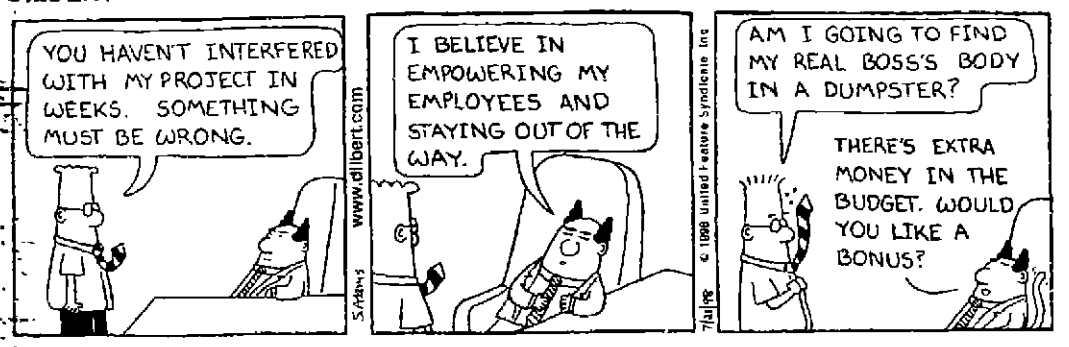

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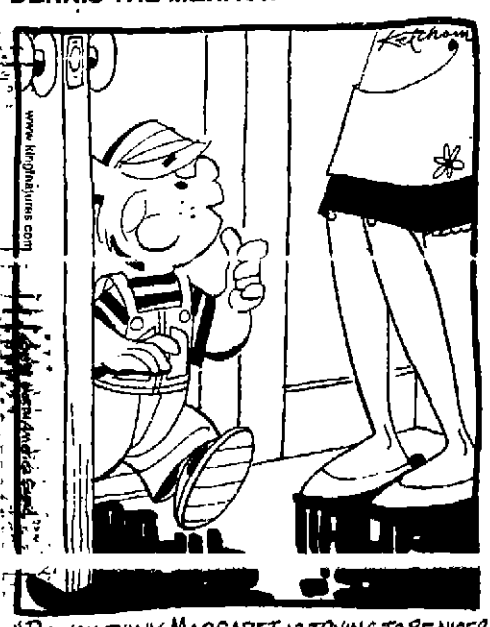
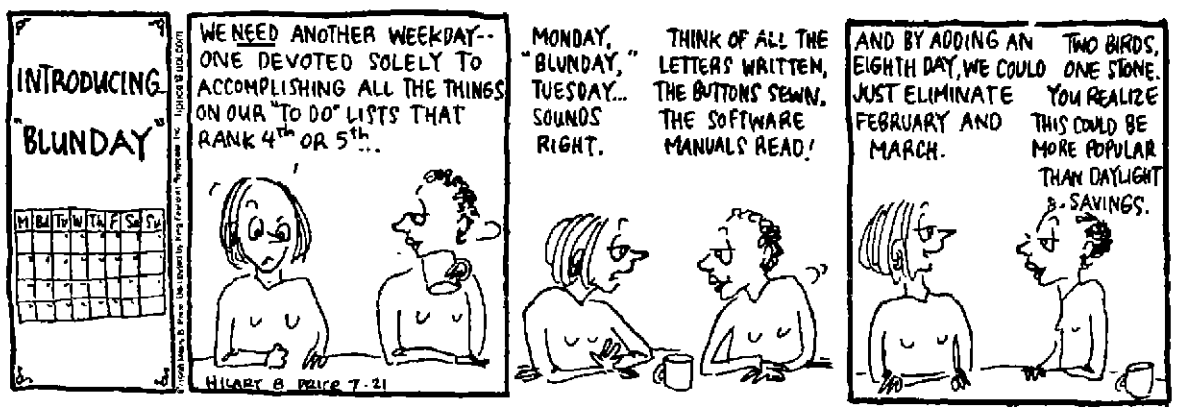


"DO YOU THINK MARGARET IS TRYING TO BE NICE? SHE SAID SHE'S GONNA STOP SPEAKING TO ME."

FAMILY CIRCUS

You don't wear this pretty white dress much anymore, do you, Mommy?"

RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH

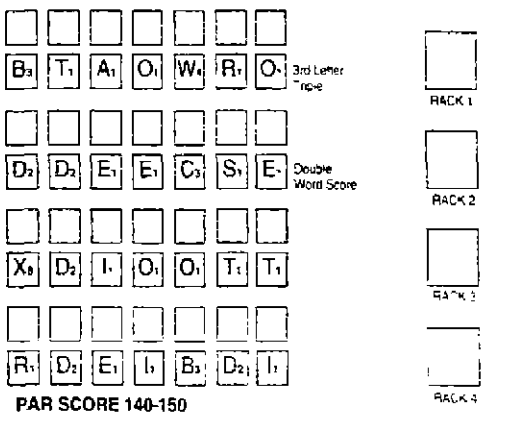
"Here are your reservations for Lost Valley. If you find it, let us know."

Today's Birthdays

Violinist **Isaac Stern** is 78. Actor-comedian **Don Knotts** is 74. Attorney General **Janet Reno** is 60. Actor **Edward Herrmann** is 55. Actor **Leigh Lawson** is 53. Actor **Wendell Burton** is 51. **Yusuf Islam** (formerly singer **Cat Stevens**) is 50. Actor **Art Hindle** is 50. Comedian-actor **Robin Williams** is 46. Actor **Matt Mulhern** is 38. Rock singer **Emerson Hart** (Tonic) is 29. Country singer **Paul Brandt** is 26.

I NEED HELP

SCRABBLE



PAR SCORE 140-150

by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). **JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, July 22, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't suppress your feelings, as issues need to be aired. The end result will make it worthwhile.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Run those errands you've been putting off. A clash of egos is likely to arise with a good friend or lover.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You are feeling far more emotional than usual. Try to bear this in mind when someone offers you a bit of constructive criticism.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) This is an excellent time to assert your feelings, as people will be listening.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Hide your head as much as possible, you're feeling fragile, and it's rough out there.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) A fabulous time for Virgo, so take a risk and do something you've only been dreaming about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Someone provides you with valuable insight. If you open up lines of communication a resolution can soon be found.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A need might arise to take care of your partner, but you will both enjoy this sudden role reversal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Try to balance aspects of your life that have been getting out of whack lately. You might need to let your serious side take over.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) If you've been spending more time with your friends than your partner, now's the time to make up for it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Resist the temptation to wildly overspend. It's a good time to start putting those pennies aside for this year's vacation instead.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You will let your hair down at a work gathering or social event. Enjoy this feeling of release.

WORD SLEUTH

Knights of old

N	S	Q	C	N	K	I	F	D	A	X	V	T	Q	T
S	O	M	H	J	H	F	E	C	A	E	Y	W	U	S
R	M	P	E	N	L	C	E	J	H	F	S	T	M	U
D	B	R	V	Z	N	X	R	V	Y	T	L	R	R	O
Q	O	M	A	A	K	E	I	I	R	H	A	I	O	J
F	D	D	L	F	D	R	U	B	L	T	V	H	Z	H
S	Y	L	I	N	O	W	Q	V	A	E	E	S	T	R
W	Q	O	E	M	N	T	S	N	V	M	I	L	L	K
O	I	F	R	I	H	F	A	D	I	L	D	I	C	A
R	E	A	Z	X	H	M	W	O	H	E	E	A	V	U
D	R	A	B	A	T	S	S	R	C	H	M	M	Q	O

Monday's unlisted clue. SAIL

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Tuesday's unlisted clue hint. JOUSTING WEAPON

Armor	Defender	Mail shirt	Squire
Chevalier	Helmet	Man-at-arms	Sword
Chivalry	Horse	Medieval	Tabard
Coat of arms	Joust	Shield	

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ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Bobby Goldman of Dallas and Paul Soloway of Bethel, Wash., former members of the Aces Team, captured another prestigious victory last spring. Together with their teammates, they garnered the coveted Vanderbilt Open Teams Trophy at the National Spring Championships. Unnoticed among other high-scoring deals was today's gem. Both sides bid and played to perfection, only to earn a tie on the deal. After two passes, Soloway opened a pre-emptive three clubs. After South passed, Goldman reasoned that a no-trump game would be a good bet. His vulnerable partner, missing the king and queen of clubs, surely had some valuable card in a side suit to justify his exuberance. And Goldman's judgment proved perfect; there was no defense against the no-trump game. However, the opponents also had heard the bidding. Trusting his opponents' judgment, Jimmy Cayne of New York City cue-bid four clubs to ask his partner, Chuck Burger of Detroit, to declare in his best suit. East closed the auction by doubling four hearts. The play was as perfect as the bidding. West led his club king, and East overtook and shifted to his singleton diamond. East then scored a diamond ruff and his trump ace for a 100-point penalty. Tragically, after absolute perfection in the bidding and play by both pairs, neither pair received a conspicuous reward. At the other table, East played a three clubs to score 110 points for a tied result.

NORTH 07-21-A
♠ K 8 7 4
♥ Q 8 5
♦ K Q 10 9 8
♣ J

WEST
♠ 9 3 2
♥ J 7 3
♦ A J 6 5 3
♣ K Q

EAST
♠ J 10 6
♥ A 9
♦ 2
♣ A 10 8 6 5 4 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q 5
♥ K 10 6 4 2
♦ 7 4
♣ 9 7 3

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: West

The bidding

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 NT	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Dbl.	All pass

Opening lead: Club king

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ACROSS

1 Chair part
5 Stuff
9 Blackmore heroine Lorna
14 Salon focus
15 Capital of Latvia
16 Writer Sinclair
17 Meat inspection inits.
18 Journey for Caesar
19 5 to 1, say
20 Best Picture of 1987
23 Der —— (Adenauer)
24 Matt kiln
25 Neighbor of Chile: Abbr.
28 Woodlands
30 Actress Novak
33 "Vive ——!" (old French cry)
35 Truman's nuclear agcy.
36 Grandma, affectionately
37 Opera by Glinka
41 Others
42 Furrow
43 Nutso
44 Encountered
45 Educator Mary McLeod ——
48 Fifth quarters, so to speak: Abbr.
49 Rip
50 Pres. Reagan and others
52 Popular dish often served with rice
58 Shoot at, as tin cans
59 Excellent
60 Getting —— years
61 Mooch
62 The "brains" of 58-Down
63 "—— girl!"
64 Saccharine
65 Pianist Myra
66 Missing

DOWN

1 Closed
2 Eye swatter?
3 White House staffer
4 Cheery song syllables
5 "The Count of Monte ——"
6 Singing cowboy Tex
7 Pulitzer writer James
8 Squirrellike monkey
9 Compulsion by force
10 Some 60's paintings
11 Germany's —— von Bismarck
12 Roulette bet
13 Rock's Brian
21 1966 movie or song hit
22 Quilt part
26 Car protector
27 Mill fodder
29 Astronauts' returning point
30 Musical toy
31 Unfitting
32 "The Bells of St. ——"
34 Frequently
35 Sgt., e.g.
38 Carnival oddity
39 Community service program
40 (1941 hit song)
46 St. Thomas who was murdered in a cathedral
47 Surprisingly
48 Slight color
51 Toast
52 Lobster pincer
53 Cover up
54 Slangy denial
55 Engrossed by
56 Pesky insects
57 Pesky insect
58 Modern office staples, for short

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

S	E	R	F	S		L	I	R	A		S	C	A	M
T	R	A	I	T		O	D	O	R		P	O	L	E
R	A	C	E	R		T	E	A	T		A	L	I	T
A	S	K	F	O	R	H	E	R	H	A	N	D		
W	E	S		K	E	A		A	R	C		W	P	A
			H	E	A	R	T	T	O	H	E	A	R	T
A	R	T	E		C	I	O			E	N	T	E	R
R	O	W	S		T	O	W	I	T		S	E	E	A
M	O	O	S	E			E	N	E		U	R	N	S
U	N	B	E	N	D	E	D	K	N	E	E			
R	E	Y		D	A	Y		S	T	I	L		G	A	B
C	O	O	L		E	L	I	A		C	A	L	L	A
T	H	U	D		R	E	M	I		T	I	D	E	S
S	O	R	E		S	T	E	N		S	L	A	N	T

Puzzle by Arthur S. Verdesoto

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